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1. The Carlos Guevara Moreno-Jose V. Trujillo opposition faction in Guayaquil became stronger when it joined forces with a group led by Manuel Larrea Jijon, Leonardo Stagg, Leonidas Plaza, and Major Chiriboga Ordonez. The amalgamation of the two groups is mutually advantageous because the Guevara-Trujillo group had a certain amount of popular support but no funds, while the Larrea-Stagg group has substantial financial backing but no popular support.
2. The alliance of the two groups has formed the strongest faction in the coastal region. Guevara, who has been greatly encouraged by the success of the Venezuelan revolt, has stated that if his group seizes power, he will immediately outlaw the Ecuadoran Communist Party. Guevara's avowed policy of anti-Communism, which he hopes will secure the early recognition of his government by the United States, has won him the support of the Accion Revolucionaria Nacional Ecuatoriana (National Ecuadoran Revolutionary Action), a nationalistic military group.

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